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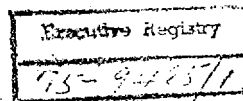
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Dear Director Colby:

I was glad to hear from Angus's office yesterday that you can fit me in for an interview at 2:30 on Monday, January 5. As I mentioned in my letter of a month ago, my editors and I envision the interview as an opportunity for us, and our readers, to hear you review the ways in which you think your profession has changed over the past quarter century. How have the agency's mission, its reputation within the government and within the society, its sense of its own role evolved--and, now that you are leaving the directorship, how would you hope these might continue to evolve? We see the interview as having a definite valedictory character, but we would also hope that it might air some important substantive issues about the nature of intelligence and the motivation of people who make a career of intelligence, as you have--issues that have tended to be obscured by the head-lined controversies of the past year and a quarter. I hope that your schedule on January 5 permits us enough time to develop these themes in some depth.

I'm looking forward to seeing you then. Meanwhile, best wishes for the holiday season.

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